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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods for treating or inhibiting SARS-CoV infection involving the administration of an interferon, particularly IFN  $\alpha$ -n1, IFN  $\alpha$ -n3, human leukocyte IFN  $\alpha$  or IFN  $\beta$ -1b.